

Union Department

Prepared Exclusively for The Journal.

Mr. J. L. Barritt, who is attending medical school in Omaha was a visitor at home on last Monday evening. Rev. Lynde who is visiting here from Los Angeles, delivered the discourse at the Methodist church on last Sunday evening.

A. W. Propst and Tony Sudduth were visiting and looking after some business matters in Nehawka on last Monday morning.

The Parents of Mrs. J. L. Barritt, of Nebraska City, were visiting with their daughter here for a portion of

the day on last Sunday.

Chris Madison, living south of Union shipped some 20 head of cattle which he has been feeding, to the South Omaha market on Tuesday.

John Becker has completed the cultivation of his corn crop which comprises 115 acres and it is in excellent condition and out of the way of other farm work.

Warren Munn of Nehawka, was a visitor in Union and east of town where he was assisting in the work of sinking a well with that famous well digger, J. M. Clarence.

Henry J. Ruhman and wife were spending an evening last week with their friends, Daniel Lynde and wife, at a camp at the mouth of the Weeping Water, where all enjoyed the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Becker had for their guests at the home on last Sunday C. H. Taylor of Los Angeles, W. L. Taylor of Omaha, C. F. Morton, Mrs. Rachael Pell and Mrs. W. H. Foster.

S. M. Taylor, Alda Taylor, John and Reuben Eaton, Dewey True and Floyd Saxon, all were threshing and delivering wheat at the F. H. McCarty elevator during the early portion of this week.

There was some joy at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Gruber on account of the arrival of a heir to this excellent couple, which came to gladden the home and to be a source of comfort to them in the years which are to come.

A. L. Becker has just gotten his corn, which comprises some two hundred acres of most excellent corn, threshed by and it is in good condition to make a good crop, so he is now ready for other work on the farm of which he has a plenty.

S. M. Taylor threshed and was well pleased with the results of the wheat, which made twenty bushels to the acre and graded number one, as it tested 62 pounds to the bushel. This was the first job for the season by Floyd Saxon with the new machine.

W. L. Stine and wife, Leatha Mae Rakes and Gallant Rakes were enjoying a visit and a good time at Crete on July 4th, where they celebrated the 4th properly, and had a splendid ride over in their auto. They visited while there at the home of Matthew Sigmond.

Mrs. F. W. Swan, who has been at a hospital at Omaha for some weeks, where she has been receiving treatment for her health, was able to return home last week and is feeling much improved. Mrs. Swan will reside in Union in the future, having but recently purchased a residence here.

The kid's ball team of Union, who are rather chummy on their ability to play ball, and perhaps justly so, went over to Nehawka a few days since and played ball with the young gentlemen of that town and came home with the bacon as the result of the game. The score was Union lads, 18; Nehawka, 1.

Rev. W. L. Taylor was at Murray on last Monday where he conducted the funeral of the late Mrs. Mahalia Hendricks, who passed away in the northern portion of the state and was buried near Murray on Monday. An account of the funeral and a brief sketch of Mrs. Hendricks life appears elsewhere in this issue.

The Young Ladies Bible school class of the Methodist church of Union held a meeting and picnic at Kamp Kill Kare where also they enjoyed a very fine supper as well. The young ladies, planned for the better work in the Bible school, of which Miss Ethel Becker is the teacher, as well as having a most enjoyable time at the camp.

Little Folks Surprise Friend.

Last Monday was the 12th birthday anniversary of little Pauline Runnels, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Runnels of the Methodist church and on that occasion the members of the Bible school class of which she is a member gave this little lady a surprise when they went to Kamp Kill Kare for a picnic, and showed her a most excellent time. There were there for the occasion, Pauline Runnels, the guest of honor, Grede Runnels, Agnes Irwin, Clara Lynn Propst, Lena Fletcher, Luella Mae Rakes and Freda McCarrroll.

Stands by the Home Town.

A. L. Becker, who believes in his home town, and if he did not he would go some where else where there was a better town, says that Union is the best town of its size in the state of Nebraska. That's the idea!

Make Traffic Safe.

Making traffic safe for all, is more a matter of the "Do's" than the "Don'ts," according to a well known Union business man. "Too often the emphasis is placed on what motorists should not do, rather than what they should do," he said.

This statement was made by Ed Dowler, of the Union Filling Station, local dealer for the Firestone Tire & Rubber Co. In addition, Mr. Dowler gave what he believes to be the six fundamental rules of safe driving under present conditions of heavy traffic:

"1. Keep to the right side of the road; be sure the way is clear before going around a car ahead and sound your horn before passing.

"2. Always signal to drivers following you when preparing to stop or to turn right or left. Remember the most dangerous turn is the left turn. Be sure you have the right-of-way and a clear road.

"3. Have your lights well focused. Poorlights do not show you the road and glaring lights blind on-coming motorists—either is hazardous to both parties.

"4. Observe all speed laws—for the safety of others and for your own safety.

"5. Be sure your brakes are in perfect order. They must be well-lined, tight and equally effective on each wheel. On slippery roads, apply your brakes without throwing out your clutch. This also applies to descending hills. Always make the motor help hold back the car by leaving the clutch in.

"6. Be sure you have the right tire equipment to make your brakes take immediate effect. Balloons are the best solution here and the more flexible they are, the better brake-action you will get. Tread design and completeness of road contact are all important.

"In this latter condition, I can speak authoritatively and say that Firestone's tread has the greatest number of non-skid edges of any low pressure, tires made. Furthermore, this tread is in complete contact with the road surface because the sidewalls are more flexible, owing to their Gum-Dipped cord construction, a feature found in no other tires.

"Gum-dipping also adds strength and endurance which prevents blow-outs. This, in itself, is a safety measure for every car on the highways."

Resolution of Sympathy.

Resolution of sympathy adopted by Woodbine Camp No. 4502, Union, Neb.:

Whereas, Our Heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom, has taken from our camp our beloved Neighbor, Anna Finkle, be it—

Resolved, That by her untimely death this camp has lost a true neighbor, the husband of a devoted wife, the sons a loving mother. Be it further—

Resolved, That we extend our sympathy to the grief-stricken husband and sons in their sad bereavement and while they mourn the loss of a loved one we mourn the loss of a true friend and neighbor; and be it further—

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the records of our camp; a copy sent to our official paper, also to the family, and our charter be draped in mourning for a period of thirty days.

Weep not that her lot be over; Weep not that her race is run; God grant we may rest as calmly When our life work is done.

R. A. N., Committee.

First Methodist Church.

Where did you worship last Sunday? If not worshipping elsewhere the Methodist church invites you to the following services next Sunday:

Sunday school at 10:15.

Morning worship at 11:30.

Epworth League at 7:15.

Evening services at 8:00.

Rev. Lynde, a brother of M. Lynde filled the pulpit last Sunday evening. A good crowd was present and all enjoyed the sermon very much.

The Aid society enjoyed a social afternoon last Thursday, meeting with Mrs. Smith. Refreshments consisting of ice cream and cake were served by four of the members. The next meeting is at the library room next Thursday at the 22nd. All members are requested to be present and visitors are always welcome.

DANCE! Saturday Night

PHILPOT'S HALL Weeping Water, Nebr.

Good Music—Come Have a Good Time.

W. H. HOMAN, Mgr.

Charley Graves Recalls Big Hail Storm of 1883

Gives Interesting Experience While a Teacher in the Rock Bluffs Schools.

Editor Journal.

How many of the "old timers" of this county remember just where they were and what they were doing forty-three years ago today? At first thought they will reply that forty-three years ago is too far gone for us to remember the events of that day. But wait and think a moment; that day, July 13, 1883, is the date of "the big hail storm" which the older residents will never forget. On that day, a short time before noon, the most destructive hail storm ever known in this county came with such fury that most of the fields were rendered as bare as the main street, all crops and other vegetation being beaten into the ground, and many of the farmers at once abandoned farm work and sought employment at railroad grading and such other work as could be found for man and team.

I probably should not have recalled this event this time had it not been impressed upon my mind by the fact that I was "Mr. Teacher" in the old brick school building at Rock Bluffs—the building greeted about 1872 by Prof. Joseph D. Patterson and by him christened "Naomi Institute" and conducted for several years as a private school and later owned by the school district, and in which the late Judge B. S. Ramsey taught several years and was assisted by his sister, now Mrs. Belle Waterman.

On the 13th day of July 1883, I was closing my first administration as a teacher on the old Naomi hill top, and the doctor's testimony went to a program had been arranged and many pupils had brought their little brother and sister to enjoy the "last day of school" and the expected dinner that went with it. Just before the dinner hour the storm struck the building, and as the hail began smashing the windows the children were ordered to take cover. I was no small task for myself and some of the older pupils to get the small ones down the hill to Uncle Thomas Smith's family home, to remain until the storm subsided, then we returned to the school house and continued the exercises and enjoyed the dinner. I have before me the school register kept at that time, and as I read the list of boys and girls who were in my school I wonder how many of them remember the exciting occurrences above mentioned. A few of them still reside in this county, some in other states, and many have answered the last Roll call.

This school register shows the following pupils in the school: Ada Sullivan, Esther Alick, Maggie Marler, Grace Taylor, Anna Farthing, Ella Smith, Gertrude Fitch, Josie Hallum, Ella Reynolds, Nellie Hallum, Myrtle Churchill, Mammie Sullivan, Lena Murphy, Nettie Farthing, Lily Carr, Belle Sans, Emma Sans, Annie Taylor, Pearl Graves, Jennie Hallum, Katie Fitch, Maggie Archer, Alice Smith, Ruth Churchill, Amada Nix, Lily Sans, Mary Case, Emma Case, Ada Chandler, Hattie Carroll, Minnie Smith, Myrtle Furlong, Lee Byers, Burr Allen, Arthur Sullivan, David Allen, Willie Taylor, Johnny Smith, Charles Byers, Leonard Bates, Frank Churchill, Ira Bates, George Farthing, Luther Reynolds, Andy Graves, Eddie L. Furlong, Freddie Archer, Joseph Miller, Henry Haskins, Mark Furlong, John Archer, Charlie Taylor, Ross Carroll, Odie Chandler, Edgar Carroll, Frank Carroll, Willie Chandler, Johnny Sans, Jimmie Fitch, Willie Shera, Sammie Ellington, Ginnis Churchill, Charlie Hallum, Oscar Murphy.

I will appreciate it very much if the pupils in above list will take the trouble to write me a letter or just a card, informing me of the whereabouts of any of their schoolmates who attended school that summer, as I am often reminded of them by looking over our old register and should like very much to know where they are now living.

Union, Neb., July 13, 1926.

CHAS. L. GRAVES.

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HEARERS' APPLAUSE KILLS RADIO BROADCASTER

Chicago, Ill., July 11.—Thousands of radio listeners, who are wondering why station WOK did not respond to enthusiastic applause and encores after broadcasting since music last night, will regret to know that death stepped in and denied the request.

Lester J. Wolf, 19, one of the youngest licensed broadcasters in the country, was electrocuted in a hasty effort to respond to the thunderous encores. He had just completed the number, when a great burst of applause which was too loud for the delicate equipment was received. The wave of sound caused a fuse in the battery room to blow.

Wolf ran to the fuse and, leaning against an iron pipe, started to install a new one, togeting to disconnect the power. Sixty-five hundred volts of electricity shot through his body, throwing him to the floor.

"I'm not hurt," he gasped, as he struggled to his feet, and immediately became unconscious and died in a few moments. Singers, violinists and others waiting in the studio were dismissed, and broadcasting was not resumed. This is said to be the first fatality of its kind in the United States.

CAR THEFTS INCREASE

Chicago, Ill., July 11.—Chicago police predict tonight that the number of stolen cars this year will double that of last year if the present rate is maintained.

The prediction was made when statistics from all vehicle sources revealed that 96 cars had been stolen during Saturday, Saturday night and this morning, and that the total for the three-day holiday around the Fourth was 125.

The total for 1926 to date is 75 hundred, as compared with 82 hundred in all of 1925, according to police statisticians.

One of the contributing causes of the increase, officials said, was what they described as the growing tendency of judges to place youthful auto drivers on probation.

There is no slack business period for the merchant who advertises his goods the year 'round.

DON'T WANT THOMPSON

Manila, July 11.—The mission of Carmi Thompson, in the Philippines as special investigator for President Coolidge, should be "looked upon with suspicion" by Filipinos, Juan B. Alegre, member of the insular senate, declared today.

"We do not need teachers, at least not self-appointed ones, to teach us how to develop our resources," said Senator Alegre. "We Filipinos know what is good for us. We can develop our natural resources without foreign help, even if it takes a long time."

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AMERICAN PARACHUTE SAVES SWEDISH FLYER

Norrköping, Sweden, July 13.—An American parachute has carried off the honor of saving the life of an aviator caught in an accident four thousand feet up for the first time in the history of European aviation, according to local military aviation officials.

A Swedish air flyer, Lieutenant Soderberg, was maneuvering over the aviation field at Malmshatt, near here, a few days ago, trying out a new machine when it went into a spin.

Falling in his efforts to straighten it out before reaching the ground the aviator made use of the American-made parachute, which the Swedish air force had just adopted. The airplane was smashed, but the officer escaped unhurt.

SUPREME COURT TO HONOR FORMER CHIEF IN SEPTEMBER

Lincoln, July 15.—A special memorial session of the supreme court will be held at the opening of the September term in honor of the late John J. Sullivan, former chief justice, who died recently in California.

The services will be held at 9 a. m., September 29. A committee, appointed to draw up suitable resolutions, is as follows:

Fred R. Wright, Omaha; H. M. Sinclair, Kearney; Louis Lightner, district judge at Columbus; William F. Gurley, Omaha; W. M. Cain, Fremont.

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